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SUBJECT: INDIA SIGNS CONTRACT FOR SOVIET FERTILIZER

1. ON JANUARY 28 INDIA SIGNED A CONTRACT WITH THE SOVIET TRADING ORGANIZATION SOYUZPROMEXPORT FOR DELIVERY 325,000 TONS GROSS WEIGHT OF FERTILIZER DURING THE PERIOD MARCH-DECEMBER 1974. THIS INCLUDES 200,000 TONS OF UREA, 75,000 TONS OF AMONIUM SULPHATE, AND 50,000 TONS OF MURIATE OF POTASH. THE COST OF THE FERTILIZER FOB IS RS. 580 MILLION (APPROXIMATELY 77 MILLION DOLLARS) TO BE PAID IN RUPEES. WHILE A SPECIFIC PRICE BREAKDOWN IS UNAVAILABLE WE ARE INFORMED THAT THE PRICE WAS SET AT WORLD MARKET LEVELS.

2. THE NUTRIENT CONTENT TOTALS ABOUT 138,000 TONS INCLUDING 108,000 TONS OF NITROGEN AND 30,000 TONS OF POTASH. DURING THE THREE-YEAR PERIOD, 1970-71, THROUGH 1972-73, (APRIL/MARCH) INDIAN IMPORTS OF FERTILIZER FROM THE SOVIET UNION IN TERMS OF ACTIVE INGREDIENTS AVERAGED ABOUT 36,000 TONS.

3. THE FERTILIZER INCLUDED IN THIS AGREEMENT WOULD AMOUNT TO ABOUT 14 PERCENT OF INDIA'S TOTAL FERTILIZER IMPORTS IN 1974 AND ABOUT 6 PERCENT OF TOTAL FERTILIZER CONSUMPTION IN 1974-75.

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COMMENT: THE CONTRACT IMPLEMENTS A PROVISION OF THE TRADE
PROTOCOL SIGNED IN DELHI LAST WEEK (NEW DELHI 1076) FOR SALE OF
325,000 TONS OF FERTILIZER TO INDIA DURING 1974.
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